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SUBJ: ZANZIBAR ANNOUNCES PLANS TO TRY MAINLAND ASSASSINATION  
DETAINEES IN ABSENTIA.

REF: ZANZIBAR 0100

FOLLOWING TANZANIAN FIRST VICE- PRESIDENT ABOUT JUMBE' S  
ANNOUNCEMENT APRIL 7 THAT ALL PERSONS IMPLICATED  
ASSASSINATION LATE ABEID AMANI KARUME WOULD BE BROUGHT TRIAL  
TOWARDS END OF APRIL OR FIRST OF MAY ( SEE REFTEL), ZANZIBAR' S  
ATTORNEY GENERAL, WOLFGANG DOURADO EXPLAINED TO PRESS APRIL 9,  
1973 THAT 23 PEOPLE HELD IN MAINLAND TANZANIA JAILS IN  
CONNECTION WITH KARUME' S ASSASSINATION WILL BE TRIED IN ABSENTIA.  
DOURADO SAID INVESTIGATIONS OF TREASON SUSPECTS HAD BEEN  
COMPLETED LONG AGO AND GOVERNMENT COULD NOT HOLD OFF TRIALS  
INDEFINITELY. HE SAID QUOTE IT NO LONGER CONCERNS US NOW WHETHER  
THERE WILL BE TWO TRIALS OR ONE TRIAL. OUR AIM IS TO BRING THESE  
PEOPLE TO JUSTICE. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT IT WOULD BE  
INJUSTICE TO HOLD THEM IN DETENTION INDEFINITELY. UNQUOTE  
DOURADO ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT TRIALS WOULD BE OPEN TO THE PRESS.

COMMENT: ZANZIBAR' S DECISION TRY 23 MAINLAND DETAINEES IN  
ABSENTIA WILL PRODUCE EMBARRASSING DILEMMA FOR MAINLAND

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TANZANIA AND COULD HARM GENERALLY IMPROVING RELATIONS BETWEEN  
MAINLAND AND ZANZIBAR. IF ALL OR PORTION OF 23 DETAINEES NOW  
HELD MAINLAND ARE CONVICTED IN ABSENTIA IN UPCOMING ZANZIBAR  
TRIALS, DIFFICULT CHOICES WILL BE FORCED ON NYERERE TO  
( A) KEEP CONVICTED PERSONS IN DETENTION INDEFINITELY WHICH  
WOULD BE SERIOUS INFRINGEMENT SUSPECTS BASIC CIVIL RIGHTS  
AS WELL AS AFFRONT ZANZIBAR TRIALS: OR, ( B) HOLD SEPARATE MAINLAND  
TRIAL WHICH WOULD BE IMPLIED CRITICISM ZANZIBAR SYSTEM OF  
JUSTICE. IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THERE WAS ANY AGREEMENT  
BETWEEN JUMBE AND NYERERE ON ABSENTIA TRIAL DECISION. THUS,  
FATE MAINLAND SUSPECTS REMAINS CONTENTIOUS ISSUE NOT YET  
RESOLVED BETWEEN UNION PARTNERS.  
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